



VIA EMAIL

March 17, 2022

Sarah Simpson
Director of Legal Affairs, Licensing and Enforcement
Indiana Board of Animal Health
1202 E 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Re: LSA Document #21-540/Economic Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Simpson,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22, as the Small Business Ombudsman, I have reviewed the economic impact analysis for small businesses associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #21-540 proposed by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.

Based on my assessment as the Small Business Ombudsman, I have concluded that the proposed rule will not have a negative impact on small businesses.

The economic impact statement prepared by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health states:

If the BOAH does not proceed with this proposed rule, it will have a negative economic impact on the regulated community. With the potential for significant economic and environmental costs associated with ineffective carcass management, foreign animal disease responders need additional disposal methods to support their disease eradication efforts. It is important to emphasize that this rule change in no way negates the authority of the BOAH to ultimately decide the appropriate method of disposal in a high consequence disease event. With regard to the proposed rule, the BOAH estimates that the total estimated impact (cost) of the rule will be less than \$500,000.

Based upon this statement and review, the Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact to small business if the Indiana State Board of Animal Health conclusion reflects the actual result after promulgation. If you have any questions about these comments, please contact me at etotten@iedc.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Emily Totten
Interim Small Business Ombudsman
Director, Policy & Government Affairs